

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6985–S7125*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3643–3646. **Page S7040**

**Measures Passed:**

**DART Act:** Senate passed S. 1998, to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7125**

**Measures Considered:**

**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S6985–95, S6995–S7031**

**Adopted:**

McCain Amendment No. 3051, to authorize additional Marine Corps personnel for the performance of security functions for United States embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic facilities abroad.

**Pages S7005–7008**

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 206), Reid (for Udall (CO)) Amendment No. 2985, to strike section 313, relating to a limitation on the availability of funds for the procurement of alternative fuel.

**Pages S6995–S7005, S7006–07, S7009–11**

Gillibrand Amendment No. 3016, to provide for the processing for administrative separation from the Armed Forces of members who are convicted of certain sexual offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and not punitively discharged in connection with such convictions.

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Murray Amendment No. 3099, to improve mental health care programs and activities for members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

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By 85 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 207), Leahy Amendment No. 2955, to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. **Pages S7025–29**

**Pending:**

Kyl Amendment No. 3123, to require regular updates of Congress on the military implications of proposals of the United States and Russia under consideration in negotiations on nuclear arms, missile defense, and long-range conventional strike system matters. **Pages S7014–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 29, 2012. **Page S7125**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7035**

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**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7035–40**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7042–S7124**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7124**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Pages S7124–25**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—207) **Pages S7011, S7028–29**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7125.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY EFFORTS

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection concluded a hearing to examine evaluating current United States global food security efforts and determining future United States leadership opportunities, after receiving testimony from

Tjada McKenna, Deputy Coordinator of Development for Feed the Future, United States Agency for International Development; Jonathan Shrier, Acting Special Representative for Global Food Security, Department of State; Paul O'Brien, Oxfam America, Washington, D.C.; Conor Walsh, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland; and Connie Veillette, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Fairfax Station, Virginia.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, and Deborah Ann McCarthy, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 6609–6610; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141; and H. Res. 819–820 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 821, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6429) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–697).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Kenneth Johnson, Seaman United Methodist Church, Seaman, Ohio.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Garamendi, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources, and accepted a position on the Committee on Agriculture.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6604, to designate the federal building currently known as Federal Office Building 8, located at 200 C Street Southwest in the District of Columbia, as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building";

Pages H6474–77

**Trinka Davis Veterans Village Designation Act:** H.R. 6374, to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 180 Martin Drive in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Trinka Davis Veterans Village";

Pages H6477–78

**National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 5788, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office";

Pages H6478–79

**Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex:** H.R. 5738, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the "Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex";

Pages H6479–80

**Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 3892, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the "Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office";

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the 'Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office.'"

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**Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 2338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the "Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office";

Pages H6482–83

**Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3912, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the "Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building"; and

Pages H6483–84

**Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 5954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

320 7th Street in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:39 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6486.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3642 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OPTIONS TO COMBAT HEALTH CARE WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Options to Combat Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### MUSIC LICENSING PART ONE: LEGISLATION IN THE 112TH CONGRESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Music Licensing Part One: Legislation in the 112th Congress”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6429, the “STEM Jobs Act of 2012”. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.R. 6429. The rule provides 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–34, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 6, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith, TX, and

Representatives Zoe Lofgren, CA, Jackson-Lee, TX, and Gutierrez.

### NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SOLAR AND SPACE PHYSICS RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS FOR SPACE WEATHER PREDICTION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “National Priorities for Solar and Space Physics Research and Applications for Space Weather Prediction”. Testimony was heard from Charles J. Gay, Deputy Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Laura Furgione, Acting Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and Acting Director, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and a public witness.

### REVIEW OF AMTRAK’S STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Getting Back on Track: A Review of Amtrak’s Structural Reorganization”. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, President and Chief Executive Officer; Ted Alves, Inspector General; and a public witness.

### VA CONFERENCE SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA Conference Spending Accountability”. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge, Office of Management Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Phillipa Anderson, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D942)

H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–197)

H.R. 4114, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with

service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–198)

S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–199)

S. 1956, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–200)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine Sandy and its impacts, focusing on a local perspective, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to receive a closed briefing on the attack on the United States mission in Benghazi, 8:30 a.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine “reclaiming our image and identity for the next seven generations”, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, and the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Mark A. Barnett, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Angela Tammy Dickinson, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine creating jobs and growing the econ-

omy, focusing on legislative proposals to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Role of Receivers in a Spectrum Scarce World”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity joint hearing entitled “Examining the Impact of the Proposed Rules to Implement Basel III Capital Standards”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “The Future of Money: Dollars and Sense”, 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Israel's Right to Defend Itself: Implications for Regional Security and U.S. Interests”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup on H.R. 1798, to prevent foreign states that do business, issue securities, or borrow money in the United States, and then fail to satisfy United States court judgments totaling \$100,000,000 or more based on such activities, from inflicting further economic injuries in the United States, from undermining the integrity of United States courts, and from discouraging responsible lending to poor and developing nations by undermining the secondary and primary markets for sovereign debt, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 511, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Services, Part 4”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “1 in 88 Children: A Look Into the Federal Response to Rising Rates of Autism”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “How Best to Improve our Nation's Airport Passenger Security System Though Common Sense Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 29

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 3254, National Defense Authorization Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, November 29

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Begin consideration of H.R. 6429—STEM Jobs Act of 2012 (Subject to a Rule).

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